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Man Sentenced to Life for Panorama City Double Murder

A 21-year-old man was sentenced today after he was convicted of killing two men in their Panorama City apartment, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Deputy District Attorney Scott Marcus of the Hardcore Gang Division said Edwin Lugo was sentenced to two consecutive terms of life in prison without the possibility of parole and an additional 50 years to life.

Lugo was found guilty on June 13 of two counts of first-degree murder with special allegations of discharging a firearm causing death and the special circumstance allegation of multiple murders.

Mario Martinez, 35, and Jaime Polino, 26, were shot and killed by Lugo on June 2, 2012, the prosecutor said. Their bodies were found inside an apartment on Brimfield Avenue with a single gunshot wound to the head. According to court testimony, Lugo and the victims were reportedly involved in criminal activities together that included burglaries and narcotics.

The case was investigated by the Los Angeles Police Department, Mission Division.

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Los Angeles County District Attorney Jackie Lacey leads the largest local prosecutorial office in the nation. Her staff of nearly 1,000 attorneys, 300 investigators and 800 support staff members is dedicated to seeking justice for victims of crime and enhancing public safety. Last year, the [Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office](http://da.lacounty.gov) prosecuted more than 73,000 felony defendants and 113,000 misdemeanor defendants.